

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Plato and Roman -- November 18th

A Few Thoughts on Giving Thanks

Gratitude is a sign of noble souls. *Aesop*

Some complain that God put thorns among roses; others give thanks that God put roses among thorns. *Anonymous*

Sing to God with thanksgiving in your hearts.
Colossians 3:16

God has two dwellings. One is in heaven; the other in a meek and thankful heart.

Izaak Walton

The worst moment for an atheist is when he or she is grateful and doesn't know who to thank.

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

I will proclaim his greatness by giving him thanks. *Psalm 69:30*

Sing praise to the Lord, all his faithful people!
Remember what the Holy One has done,
and give him thanks! *Psalm 30:4*

For the flowers
that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass so fresh and sweet;
For song of bird and hum of bee;
For all things we hear and see,
Father in heaven, we thank thee.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

What can I offer the Lord for all his goodness to me? *Psalm 116:12*

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.
Ephesians 5:30

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"Slava Isusoo Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

Nov. 18, 2012
Christmas Fast

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITURGY is all set for this Sunday, the 18th, at 9 am and we expect that all our students, staff and parents will be in attendance. The students will express our thanksgiving for our many blessings this holyday season and, in particular, for God's protection from Hurricane Sandy. After Holy Communion we will take a special collection to help the storm victims in New Jersey and NY.

THE GOOD SISTERS OF ST. BASIL will visit with us Sunday morning and after the Liturgy they will show a brief film in the School Lounge marking their 100th anniversary of their good labors in the USA. We invite ALL OUR FAITHFUL to attend this program in the Lounge at 10 am, along with all our older school students and staff.

THE GOOD MEN of our St. John Society will gather in the choir and sing the 9 am Holy Liturgy this Sunday morning. We are very proud of all these fellows and trust that they will all "report for duty" to give glory and thanksgiving to the LORD this Sunday.

ARCHBISHOP STEFAN has ordered us to count all the attendees at the Holy Liturgy both Saturday night and Sunday morning in November. We believe that all our Faithful love the Lord and His Church and so we trust that you and all your family will be with us this month!

WE THANK ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN who helped the Parish Auxiliary serve the catered luncheon on Saturday for the alumni of Bridgeport HS. God bless all our good and plenty parish volunteers.

PASTOR DONALD BARNHOUSE of the Bridgeport Presbyterian church on DeKalb St. has invited us to sing our Ukrainian carols on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 pm. We would like to appear in memory of our late Cantor Peter Martinick. And so we ask Olga Danko and Kathy Plush to put together a sign-up sheet and gather up "a choir" for Dec. 9.

THE 40-DAY FAST known as St. Philip's Fast (Advent) has now begun, as we prepare ourselves to greet the Newborn Christ on Christmas. During this penitential period we are to abstain from all meat on Friday, attend the Holy Services every weekend and perform good works for others.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful
Sunday, 9 am +Maria Maniuszyn (Daughter Marianna)
Thursday, 8 am Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings
Friday, 7 am Jerome Dewberry (Jim Deskiewicz)
Saturday, 8 am +Maria Woloschuk (Lidia Dychdala)
Saturday, 6 pm +Jackie, Betty, Skip (Phyllis Fonock)
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful

MARY'S PRESENTATION TROPAR: The Virgin Mary is a sign of God's Goodness and a herald of our salvation, today appears gloriously in the Temple to proclaim Christ to all. Let us cry out today to her: "Hail, Mary, you are the fulfillment of the Providence of Almighty God, amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

MARY'S PRESENTATION KONTAK: She who is the Savior's most pure Temple, the richest palace, the holy treasure of God's Glory - today enters the House of God bringing with her the Grace of the Holy Spirit. God's Angels sing today: "Mary is the Heavenly Abode of the Lord."

MARY'S PRESENTATION PROKIMEN: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Love, Fe. Conny